

Mr David Griffiths
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Dear Mr Griffiths

Food and Agriculture Organisation

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August 2003 regarding budget cuts to the FAO and please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Australian Democrats Senator with portfolio responsibility for this matter is Senator John Cherry. I have forwarded your letter for his attention.

I note from your letter that the budget cuts were discussed in the Joint FAO Programme and Finance Committee meeting in September. If you would like to discuss your concerns and the outcome of this meeting, please contact the Office of Senator John Cherry.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and if I can be of assistance in other matters, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

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AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS
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